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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR § 1.121), dated February 13, 2006, in the above-identified application.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

The Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR § 1.111 and Petition for a One (1) Month Extension of Time paper bearing a certificate of mailing date of January 27, 2006 ("Amendment and Response"), was said to be non-compliant because the drawings were not properly identified. In accordance with the instructions in the Notice, a new set of properly identified drawings is enclosed.

It is indicated in the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR § 1.121)" paper that in regard to the Amendment and Response, the amendments to the drawings did not properly identify in the top margin of the amended drawing sheet "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet." Enclosed herewith is an "Annotated Sheet" showing in red the change in

FIG. 4 (i.e., reference number "48" is changed to - - 62 - -) discussed in the Amendment and Response. Also enclosed is the associated "Replacement Sheet" indicated as such.

With this response, an earnest effort has been made to respond to all issues raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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